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Dear residents:

Thank you for your interest in Brazos Electric Power Cooperative, Inc's proposed plans to construct electric transmission lines and a substation along Frisco's Main Street or Stonebrook Parkway. City leaders and staff are always mindful of any residents' concerns; we appreciate you taking an active position in our community.

Many of you have called or written, inquiring about 'next steps' in this process or asking '*what can I do?*' First, we encourage any residents who have concerns about this proposal contact Frisco's Congressman, U.S. Representative Michael Burgess. We also support residents who want to contact Frisco's state representatives for Denton County, Senator Jane Nelson and Representative Pat Fallon. We encourage as many people as possible to reach out to lawmakers, making them aware of their opinions on this project.

We also suggest residents encourage our state and federal representatives to support our city staff recommendation for alternate transmission line routes.

Staff is investigating a proposed transmission line and tap point through undeveloped United States Army Corps of Engineers property south of Stewart Creek, just north of Frisco city limits, the so-called "southern route". The City of Frisco has also hired a consultant to work with city staff to develop possible route options from the west and northwest areas.

City planners estimate the two routes currently proposed by Brazos will directly impact approximately 19,700 residents factoring our current population and about 34,700 residents at build out. Conversely, staff believes the recommended 'southern route' will impact far fewer residents -- approximately 155 residents at the current population and nearly 4,000 at 'build out'. Planners estimate Frisco's 'build out' between 250,000 – 280,000 population.

The potential "southern route" is within private land and undevelopable flood plain areas that will remain mostly hidden from the majority of resident sightlines and be out of the already congested right-of-way. The 'southern route' is a much shorter transmission line route than the two routes currently proposed by Brazos. Ultimately, shorter routes translate into reduced costs passed through to rate payers. Also, this route lies mostly within the 2001 Lewisville Lake Master Plan Authorized Utility Corridor #36, which was established for the sole purpose of collocation of utility lines in designated areas around Lewisville Lake. It only impacts approximately 530 linear feet of Corps land not in the designated Utility Corridor, which may be completely spanned overhead due to tributary flooding.

Many of you have also asked, '*What are the next steps for the City of Frisco related to this proposal?*'



During the **September 3** regularly scheduled Frisco City Council meeting, staff will recommend council approve a Resolution ***opposing*** the Main Street and Stonebrook Parkway proposed routes. The Resolution will reiterate staff's position to consider an alternate proposals, including potential routes from the south, west, and northwest, because those routes "*...better respects the character, integrity and community values of the area...*"

It's important to have numerous route options on the Certificate of Convenience and Necessity (CCN) application filed by Brazos Electric. The Public Utility Commission of Texas can only consider those routes on the CCN application. Staff is working with Brazos Electric to determine additional potential routes, including the south, west, and northwest routes.

While Brazos has indicated to staff it is willing to consider alternative routes and will postpone its CCN application filing, staff believes it is imperative residents let their concerns be known at the state and federal level.

We encourage residents to contact Congressman Burgess, particularly since staff's proposals involve land owned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, a federal agency. We also support any efforts to contact state lawmakers, Senator Nelson and Representative Fallon, given the involvement of the state PUC. We encourage you to ask them to work with the Corps of Engineers to approve the 'southern route' proposed by city staff.

Again, we appreciate your interest in this matter.

Sincerely,

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